



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1000

January Session, 2015



AN ACT CONCERNING FOOD-BORNE DISEASE OUTBREAKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to study cases of food-borne disease outbreak originating from a public
3 eating place, as defined in section 22-127 of the general statutes. The
4 task force shall consider the type of information that is communicated
5 to members of the public after a case of such food-borne disease
6 outbreak is confirmed and the manner of such communication. For
7 purposes of this section, "food-borne disease outbreak" means an
8 incident in which two or more persons experience a similar illness
9 resulting from the ingestion of a food or beverage that originated from
10 a common source and is contaminated with chemicals or infectious
11 agents.

12 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

13 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
14 who shall be a representative of the Connecticut Restaurant
15 Association;

16 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who
17 shall be a local director of health;

18 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of

19 Representatives, who shall be a person who experienced an illness
20 directly linked to a food-borne disease outbreak originating from a
21 public eating place;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be
23 a qualified food operator;

24 (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, one of whom shall be a wholesale food supplier;

26 (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of
27 whom shall be a representative of the Connecticut Food Association;

28 (7) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's
29 designee; and

30 (8) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, or the
31 commissioner's designee.

32 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
33 (2), (3) or (4) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
34 General Assembly.

35 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
36 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
37 filled by the appointing authority.

38 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
39 pro tempore of the Senate shall select two chairpersons of the task
40 force from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons
41 shall schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held
42 not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

43 (f) Not later than January 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a report
44 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees
45 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
46 public health and general law, in accordance with the provisions of

47 section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall include, but
48 need not be limited to, recommendations on apprising members of the
49 public after a case of food-borne disease outbreak at a public eating
50 place has been confirmed. The task force shall terminate on the date
51 that it submits such report or January 1, 2016, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

GL *Joint Favorable*